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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CHARACTERIZING A SAMPLE BY LOW-  
FREQUENCY SPECTRA

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR: EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)(3) AND FEES  
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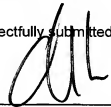
Sir:

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